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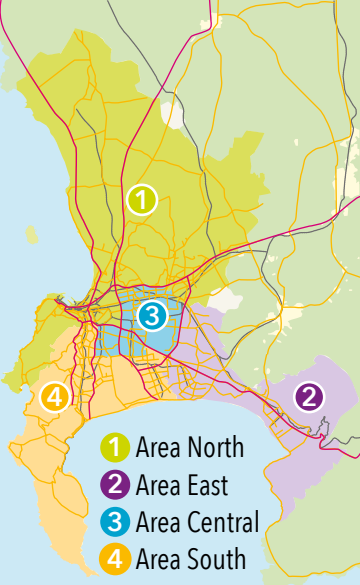


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Photo courtesy of Absa Run Your City series.

If the mountain won't come to me ... The ninth edition of the Absa Run Your City Cape Town 10 km took place on 12 May, with over 12 000 runners taking part. Starting at Woodbridge Island in Milnerton, the race followed the coastline towards Table Mountain, looped onto the N1, and finished in Lower Long Street in the city bowl. It is one of many running events the City supports, not only to promote the sport, but also as a way to encourage an active lifestyle among Capetonians. For more on upcoming Cape Town-hosted events, visit www.eventsincapetown.com.

EPWP a win-win for employment and environment

In the past four years, the City's Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) in Environmental Management has assisted over 14 500 unemployed Capetonians with short-term job opportunities. The recruits gain skills and much-needed income, while Mother Nature benefits from their care.



The Environmental Management Department continues to be a key implementer of the City's Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP). From July 2023 to February 2024 alone, it created well over 2 000 job opportunities through various programmes. These include the Kader Asmal, Carbon Smart skills development, conservation skills development as well as the invasive species management and river warden programmes.

EPWP recruits help rehabilitate ecological infrastructure and support operations at City nature reserves. Teams clear invasive species from reserves, biodiversity sites, waterbodies and

It pays to protect nature: Some of the recruits who have secured short-term job opportunities through Environmental Management's Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP). Since 2019, more than 14 500 of these workers have had a chance to earn an income and improve their future employability, while helping the City to conserve and protect the environment.



catchment areas. They also maintain reserve firebreaks and see to it that solid waste is removed from vleis and wetlands. In addition, they are trained to educate their communities about the environment.

Their time with the City has also seen many of the EPWP workers move on to longer-term employment. This is thanks to the theoretical and on-the-job training they receive as part of the skills development component of the programme. Training is provided in fields such as project management and administration, quality control, data collection and management, as well as environmental awareness and stakeholder engagement.

Capetonians, protect your power!

The City recorded 223 incidents of vandalism of power infrastructure and illegal connections in the first quarter of 2024 at a cost of R6,26 million. The Area South and Mitchells Plain districts were the hardest hit.

In some instances, the destruction caused is so severe that entire circuits and grids need to be rebuilt. Moreover, due to escalating security risks, the City and its contractors can only attend to service requests when it is safe to do so. Where possible, teams are accompanied by City law enforcement or private security.

The City is exploring every option to combat vandalism, theft and illegal connections. Power up our efforts by reporting any such incidents to the emergency number 021 480 7700, the fraud hotline on 0800 1100 77, City law enforcement agencies or the South African police.



PROTECT YOUR POWER.

Stand up against theft, vandalism and illegal connections!

REPORT 021 480 7700

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Sun sets on busy summer season:

Summer 2023/24 was again a busy season at Cape Town's beaches and swimming pools, and hundreds of lifeguards and support staff pulled out all the stops to keep visitors safe. In addition to the hundreds of thousands of beachgoers, gate counts at some of the public swimming pools were very impressive: The pool in Sea Point recorded 102 463 visitors, Retreat 47 454, Newlands 47 143, and Long Street 43 451. Sadly, 14 fatal drownings and 30 non-fatal drownings occurred along the City-managed coastline between Silverstroomstrand and Kogel Bay – all either outside designated bathing areas or during times when lifeguards were not on duty. Despite the massive crowds, lifeguards actively patrolled beaches and maintained safety at pools.

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KORTLIKS

Meer as 12 000 mense het deelgeneem aan die negende aflewering van die Absa Run Your City Cape Town 10 km op 12 Mei.

Kaapstad se strande en swembaddens was weer behoorlik besig oor die somerseisoen, en honderde lewensredders en steunpersoneel het hard gewerk om duisende besoekers veilig te hou.

Die Stad se uitgebreide openbarewerkeprogram (EPWP) in die departement omgewingsbestuur het die afgelope vier jaar meer as 14 500 werklose Kapenaars met korttermynwerkseleenthede bygestaan.

In die eerste kwartaal van 2024 was daar 223 voorvalle waar kraginfrastruktuur verniel of onwettige aansluitings gemaak is. Dit het die Stad R6,26 miljoen uit die sak gejaag. Area Suid en Mitchells Plain het veral erg deurgeloopt.

KHAWUNDIBALISELE

Uhlelo lwesithoba lweAbsa Run Your City Cape Town oluziikhilomitha ezili10 luye lwaqhubeka nge12 kaMeyi, kuthatha inxaxheba iimbaleki ezingaphezu kwe12 000.

Ihlobo lowama2023/24 ibilixesha elixakekileyo kumanxweme nakumaqula okuqubha aseKapa, yaye amakhulukhulu oonogada abakhusela ubomi nabasebenzi abancedisayo baye benza okusemandleni abo ukuze bagcine amawakawaka eendwendwe ekhuselekile.

Kule minyaka mine idluleyo, iNkqubo kaMasipala eXananzileyo yokuSebenza kwiSixeko (iEPWP)

kuLawulo lokusiNgqongileyo iye yanceda abantu baseKapa abangaphangeliyo abaphezu kwe14 500 ngemisebenzi yesingxungxo.

ISixeko sinengxelo ngeziganeko ezingama223 zokonakaliswa kweziseko zophuhliso zombane noxokomezelo olungekho mthethweni kwikota yokuqala ka2024, nto leyo esidle iR6,26 miliyoni. Izithili zeArea South neMitchells Plain ziye zathwaxeka kanobom.

Making progress possible. **Together.**



New meter less of a money eater

The City has started rolling out a single-phase meter to afford more residents access to the Cash for Power programme. With a price tag of just over R6 000 (including VAT), the new meter is roughly 40% cheaper than the three-phase option, the cost of which has been prohibitive to many wanting to sell their excess solar power to the City.

How to get the new meter

Meter applications are automated for those who have already submitted an application for small-scale embedded generation (SSEG). Alternatively, follow the process for service connections to apply for the new meter. To submit an SSEG application, enter "Apply for authorisation to install an embedded generation system" in the search box on the City's website.

Once the meter is installed, you will be able to export your excess energy to the grid and get money back in the form of a credit offset on your monthly City bill.

Keep in mind that:

- the single-phase AMI meter is not applicable to three-phase customers;
- customers are required to provide the necessary metering accommodations; and
- in some cases, customers may need to adjust their electrical supply installation.

Power to the City, cash to the people

Cape Town is the first South African metro to buy excess solar photovoltaic power from small-scale generators. In this way, businesses and households have already earned over R30,8 million since the start of the 2022/23 financial year.

In exchange for their excess solar power, the seller's total municipal bill is first credited automatically down to zero, with the option to apply to earn cash beyond a zero balance. The cash option has been available to businesses since June 2023 and was recently introduced for households as well. By April 2024, more than 1 500 sellers were already benefiting from the programme. About 60% are residential customers, and the rest are commercial or industrial.

For more information on Cash for Power and how to apply, search under "Apply to sell surplus SSEG electricity to the City" on the City's website.

Be part of our power(ful) plan

A key part of our plan to protect Capetonians against load-shedding is to move away from a single state power utility towards a more reliable, flexible supply. To this end, the City is contracting with independent power producers for renewable energy, provided on demand. Part of that supply will come from thousands of households and businesses with spare rooftop solar power.

Our ground-breaking Cash for Power programme already does this – putting money back in the pockets of Capetonians with grid-tied solar systems, while easing the strain on our grid. Our 1 500 residential, commercial and industrial sellers have already earned R30,8 million in both municipal credit and cash for their surplus power.

A new, cheaper bidirectional meter – the device you'll need for selling power to the City – now makes it even easier for Capetonians to earn money as



A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR

solar power providers. Thanks to the cheaper meter (costing 40% less than the previous one) and a new online portal to speed up applications, we expect the number of suppliers to grow rapidly.

Another part of the plan is to integrate

the City's energy systems. A third of Cape Town residents are served directly by Eskom. The City had been negotiating to take over these Eskom supply areas so that it can offer those residents the same load-shedding protection and service reliability that it offers its own customers. Unfortunately, Eskom has now withdrawn from these talks.

Not giving up, we have launched a petition where residents can show their support. Do consider signing it, as it is in everyone's interest that the whole of Cape Town is supplied more effectively by our excellent Electricity Generation and Distribution Department.

To find the petition, go to change.org.za and enter "City of Cape Town's takeover of Eskom supply area services" in the search bar. I hope I can count on your help to make Cape Town more energy-secure.

Geordin Hill-Lewis
Cape Town Mayor



City plays 'matchmaker' for SMMEs

In May, 150 small, medium and micro-sized enterprises (SMMEs) pitched their services to prospective buyers in the first of four 'match-up' sessions hosted by the City's Smart Supplier programme. The sessions followed a series of workshops where the enterprises were taught how to address the daily challenges of accessing new markets and business opportunities.

Smart Supplier is an eight-month programme funded by the City and administered by Smart Procurement World. This year, the programme – already in its eighth edition – focuses on buyer-seller linkages and connecting small businesses with clients across the province, country and continent. Since its inception in 2016, 1 800 potential buyer linkages have been created for programme participants, resulting in business opportunities worth approximately R20 million.

Each match-up session focuses on clients in different industries. This first one saw SMMEs meet with buyers in aviation, construction, energy and mining.

For more information, email business.support@capetown.gov.za or dial 021 417 4043.

Old municipal debt? You could qualify for a write-off

Qualifying customers may apply for the write-off of arrear debt older than about three years, provided they enter into a payment agreement with the City for the remainder of their debt.

To qualify:

- Enter into a debt payment agreement for current debt.
- Debt older than three financial years will be considered as

- written off automatically
- A condition of this arrangement is that the debt that is written off will be reinstated if customers default on their instalment plans.

You will need a copy of your identity document, proof of income, and a current City account that needs to be paid upfront, plus an additional sum towards the arrears (which the front office will determine based

on affordability). Also bring along three months' bank statements, and if unemployed, an affidavit to this effect. If the City account is in more than one person's name, a letter of consent will be required as well.

Visit our customer contact centres for assistance, contact the City call centre on 0860 103 089, or email Payment.Arrangements@capetown.gov.za.

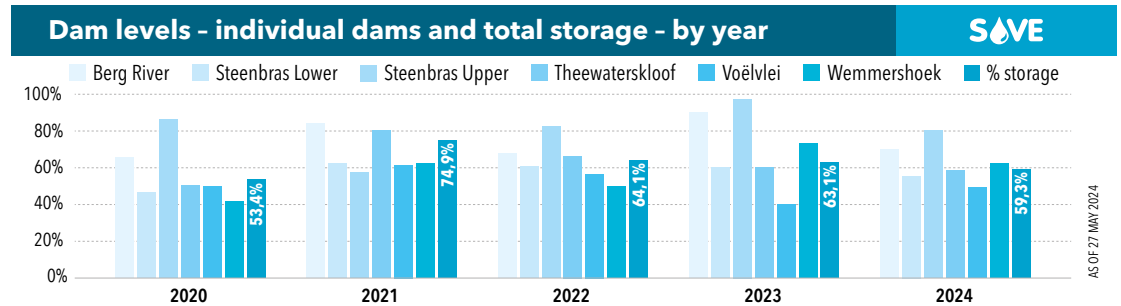
Western Cape dam levels have dropped considerably

The dam levels for Cape Town have dropped to 59,3%. The City is aiming for an overall usage target of 650 million litres per day – which means Capetonians should try to use less than 105 litres per person per day.

Protect our water resources by following water-wise guidelines. Residents and businesses are reminded that the permanent regulations contained in the City's Water By-law still apply across Cape Town, regardless of the

restriction level. Municipal water may be used in gardens only before 09:00 or after 18:00, but never to hose down paved areas.

- Visit www.capetown.gov.za/thinkwater or www.capetown.gov.za/waterregulations to access the regulations.



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Die Stad stel nou 'n enkelfasemeter beskikbaar om méér inwoners toegang te bied tot die Cash for Power-program. Die nuwe meter kos net oor die R6 000 (BTW ingesluit) en is ongeveer 40% goedkoper as die driefaseweergawe.

Die Stad nooi inwoners om sy petisie te teken sodat die hele Kaapstad, ook huidige Eskom-gebiede, deur die munisipaliteit se elektrisiteitsdepartement van krag voorsien kan word. Geïntegreerde kragvoorsiening is een van die maniere om die Moederstad meer beurtkragbestand te maak.

Altesaam 150 klein, medium- en mikro-ondernemings het in Mei hulle dienste aan voornemende

kopers bemark by die eerste van vier skakelingsgeleenthede van die Stad se Smart Supplier-program.

Kwalifiserende Stadskliënte kan aansoek doen om munisipale skuld ouer as sowat drie jaar te laat afskryf, mits hulle 'n ooreenkoms met die Stad aangaan om die res van hulle skuld af te betaal.

Die damvlakke vir Kaapstad het tot 59,3% gedaal. Die Stad se mikpunt vir algehele waterverbruik is steeds 650 miljoen liter per dag – wat beteken dat Kapenaars minder as 105 liter per persoon per dag moet probeer gebruik.

KHAWUNDIBALISELE

ISixeko siye saqalisa ukukhupha iimitha zebakala lokuqala ukuze lincede abahlali abangakumbi ukuba bafikelele inkqubo yoMbane oHlawulelwayo. Njengoko ixabiso ngaphezulu nje kwiR6 000 (idibene neVAT), le mitha intsha itshiphu ngesithuba se40% kunemitha yebakala lesithathu.

ISixeko sihlaba ikhwelo kubahlali ukuba batyikitye uxwebhu lwaso olunoluhlu lwezicelo ukuze iKapa lilonke kuquka imimandla yakalokunje ebonelelwa ngombane ngabakwaEskom ukuba ifumane ubonelelo ngombane kwisebe lezombane likamasipala. Ubonelelo lombane ngokuhlangeneyo lolunye lweendlela zokwenza isixeko esingunozala ukuba sixhathise ngakumbi kucimicimi wombane. NgoMeyi, amashishini amancinane,

aphakathi nasakhasayo ali150 (iiSMMEs) aye anikezela ngeenkonzo zazo kwabo basenokuba ngabathengi babo kwinkqubo yokuqala kwezine 'zokhuphiswano' ebezisingathwe yinkqubo yabaNikezeli ngeenKonzo yoMthengi oPhum' iZandla.

Abathengi abaphumeleleyo banokufaka isicelo sokucinyelwa ityala elimileyo elingaphezu kweminyaka emithathu, ngaphandle kokuba bangenela isivumelwano sentlawulo yetyala eliseleyo kunye neSixeko.

Umlinganiselo wamadama aseKapa uye wehla waya kutsho kwi59,3%. ISixeko sisazibekele usukelo lokusetyenziswa kweelitha ezingama650 miliyoni ngosuku – nto leyo ethetha ukuba umntu ngamnye waseKapa umele azame ukusebenzisa ngaphantsi kweelitha ezili105 ngosuku.

Bus(s)y time for MyCiTi

Having first taken to Cape Town's streets in 2010, the MyCiTi bus service today boasts 44 routes across the metro. These cover destinations in the central city, Century City, Woodstock and Salt River, further south towards Hout Bay, Hangberg and Imizamo Yethu, and to the northwest in Table View, Joe Slovo, Dunoon, Melkbosstrand and Atlantis. Also included are four routes in Mitchells Plain and Khayelitsha in the metro southeast.

According to the latest audited statistics, up to 1 655 882 passenger journeys were recorded for March 2024 alone, at an average of 64 094 journeys every weekday. This is a whopping 233 163 more journeys than the 1 422 719 recorded in March 2022.

Continuously expanding, the service has introduced five additional temporary stops. Two of these are in Khayelitsha, another two in Atlantis, and one in Woodstock. Additional weekday trips have also been added to the D01 and D02 routes that connect Khayelitsha with central Cape Town.

Further expansions are under way in the metro southeast with new route rollouts to connect communities from Mitchells Plain and Khayelitsha with Wynberg and Claremont. This forms part of the City's commitment to gradually bring down the cost of public transport and reduce the time commuters spend travelling.



Blouberg wonky wall fixed:

Repairs were carried out on a section of the Bloubergstrand seawall along Stadler Road (shown above). Having degraded over time, the wall required both internal and external repairs. The base of the affected section of wall had to be excavated, and a concrete footing was cast to underpin the wall and address the void below the walkway (pictured below).



'Ecofriendly' budget to nurture nature

The 2024/25 budget makes ample provision for various environmental efforts, including cleaning up our vleis, buttressing our coastline, and preserving our precious biodiversity.

The budget for the new financial year prioritises improved vlei water quality, a more climate-resilient coastline, and well-preserved nature reserves. The Spatial Planning and Environment Directorate has made provision for R1 billion's worth of capital works and an operational budget of R1,6 billion over the next three years.

Fresher vleis and ramped-up reserves

Some of the major vlei rehabilitation projects planned are the lowering of the weir at Zeekoevlei, the rehabilitation of Milnerton lagoon, and the acquisition of a third weed harvester. These initiatives will be funded from the R408 million set aside for this purpose.

Capetonians can look forward to improved nature reserves and environmental education centres in Westridge Park (Mitchells Plain) and Bracken, Harmony Flats, Zandvlei, Helderberg and Edith Stephens nature reserves, with R123 million in the kitty. Some R5 million will go towards an online booking system for reserve facilities and activities.

A coast that can bounce back

About R413 million has been earmarked



Otter on duty in Rietvlei: The City's new weed harvester at Rietvlei, named 'the Otter' after a public naming process, has been put to work immediately to cut sago pondweed (*Stuckenia pectinata*) and remove algae build-up in the waterbody. It also collects floating algal mats, which tend to accumulate on the water surface in summer. This not only improves wetland health, but also ensures easier navigation for watercraft. The Otter is the second of three harvesters the City has acquired, with the third arriving in the new financial year.

for strengthening the resilience of Cape Town's 307 km coastline. Projects include upgrades of defence structures such as the seawalls at Strand, Small Bay and Sea Point, and beachfront improvements in Monwabisi, Muizenberg, Table View,

Miller's Point, Soetwater, Kogel Bay, Macassar, Zandwolf, Mouille Point and Granger Bay.

To have a look at the budget as tabled, enter "Budget 2024/25" in the search box on the City's website.

Build skills to build green

The City's Carbon Smart skills development programme equips jobless women from across town with knowledge of green building principles and SMME development, as well as soft skills for the workplace. The 30 participants hail from areas such as Garden Village, Maitland, Langa, Philippi, Lentegeur and Dunoon. Once they have completed the training at the Maitland-based Carbon Smart Training Academy, the women will all be employed by the City for three years.

One of the key training elements is the production of biomass-insulated concrete (BIC) for use in

construction projects at City facilities. This ecofriendly building material incorporates various combinations of recycled fabric, plastics, glass, ceramics and alien invasive plant material. It has already been put to good use for the construction of gate houses and ablution facilities.

There are two trainee levels: one aimed at those with grade 10 to matric, and another for women with a tertiary qualification. The programme offers the women a unique opportunity to enter the construction sector, boasting green building skills that few other people have.



Going green: Carbon Smart programme participants, City staff and partners in front of an ablution facility that was constructed using biomass-insulated concrete at the Carbon Smart Training Academy in Maitland.



Future-proofing the power grid:

As part of its 2024/25 budget, the City has provided for an investment of over R4 billion in power grid upgrades and maintenance over three years. This will ensure that the grid can cope with a dynamic, decentralised energy future as Cape Town continues its work to become South Africa's first city to end load-shedding. The investment comes at a time of high levels of vandalism and theft of electricity infrastructure, as well as load-shedding damage. The aim is to make the infrastructure more resilient and reduce the scope for vandalism over time.



Micro-developers get macro-boost

A micro-developer is a landowner in an identified area who has an erf big enough to build small-scale rental units that comply with building regulations and are connected to the City's services infrastructure. Now that Council has approved the creation of a Development Charges Fund, these landowners may apply for their development charges to be subsidised.

Subsidised by up to 90%

An initial R20 million has been set aside to subsidise qualifying micro-developers on a first-come-first-served basis. Subsidies will be available in 194 targeted lower-income areas (see box below). The subsidy covers up to 90% of the development charges that the City generally uses to pay for bulk services to support new developments.

Qualifying criteria

To qualify, applicants must be micro-developers who intend to develop between three and 30 units on a site. Building plans must be submitted to the City for assessment and approval. To prioritise payments to developers who are ready to start with their developments, applicants must confirm that project funding is available before subsidies will be paid out.

The hope is that the fund will stimulate the affordable-housing market and attract investment to targeted areas. The project should also facilitate the expansion of township businesses and the formalisation of township areas, and ensure greater compliance with the City's building plan approval processes.

Subsidy spots

Here are some of the 194 areas where micro-developer subsidies will be available:

Beacon Valley, Belhar, Bishop Lavis, Bloekombos, Crossroads, Delft, Dunoon, Enkanini, Fisantekraai, Grassy Park, Gugulethu, Heideveld, Joe Slovo Park, Khayelitsha, Kuyasa, Langa, Lavender Hill, Lentegeur, Lwandle, Mamre, Nomzamo, Nyanga, Ocean View, Parow Valley, Pelican Park, Philippi, Phoenix, Retreat, Seawinds, Sir Lowry's Pass, Strand, Strandfontein, Steenberg, Scottsdale, Saxonsea, Sun City, The Hague, Valhalla Park, Vrygrond, Wallacedene, Wetton, Witsand and Westridge

KORTLIKS

Die MyCiTi-busdiens, wat in 2010 bekend gestel is, bestaan nou reeds uit 44 roetes oor die hele metro. Volgens die jongste geouditeerde syfers is tot 1 655 882 passasiersritte in Maart 2024 alleen onderneem. Dit werk uit op gemiddeld 64 094 ritte elke weekdag.

Begrotingsprioriteite vir die nuwe boekjaar sluit in beter vleiwatergehalte, 'n meer klimaatsveerkragtige kuslyn, en goed bestuurse natuurreserve. Die direktoraat ruimtelike ontwikkeling en omgewing het voorsiening gemaak vir R1 miljard se kapitaalwerke en 'n bedryfsbegroting van R1,6 miljard vir die volgende drie jaar.

'n Gedeelte van die seemuur by Bloubergstrand in Stadlerweg is herstel.

Noudat die Raad goedkeuring verleen het vir die stigting van 'n ontwikkelingsheffingsfonds kan mikro-ontwikkelaars aansoek doen om hulle ontwikkelingsheffings te laat subsidieer.

Die Stad se Carbon Smart-vermoëbouprogram rus werklose vroue toe met kennis van groenboubeginsels en kleinsakeontwikkeling, sowel as sagte vaardighede vir die werkplek. Veral hulle groenbouvaardighede bied hulle 'n unieke geleentheid om die konstruksiesektor te betree.

As deel van die begroting vir 2024/25, het die Stad voorsiening gemaak vir 'n belegging van meer as R4 miljard in kragnetwerkopknappings en -instandhouding vir die volgende drie jaar.

KHAWUNDIBALISELE

Njengoko iqale ukungena kwizitrato zaseKapa ngo2010, inkonzo yeebhasi iMyCiTi izingca ngokuhamba kwimizila engama44 kuso sonke isixeko esimbaxa. Ngokobalo oluphicothiweyo, kuye kwabhaliswa iihambo zabakhweli ezili1 655 882 ngoMatshi 2024 kuphela, umlinganiselo wamahambo ayi64 094 suku lweveki ngalunye.

Ibhajethi yonyakamali omtsha ikhokelisa umgangatho wamanzi evlei, unxweme olukwazi ukumelana ngakumbi nemozulu neendawo zolondolozo lweendalo ezigcinwe kakuhle. ULawulo lokuCwangciswa kweeNdawo nokuSingqongileyo luye lwalungiselela umsebenzi omkhulu oyiR1 bhiliyoni kunye nebhajethi yokusebenza eyiR1,6 bhiliyoni kule minyaka mithathu izayo.

Kuye kwalungiswa icandelo lodonga lolwandle lweBloubergstrand ngakwiNdlela iStadler.

Njengoko iBhunga ligunyazise ukuyilwa kweNgxowamali yeeNdleko zoPhuhliso, abaphuhlisi abasakhasayo banokufaka isicelo senkxasomali kwiindleko zabo zophuhliso.

Inkqubo yeSixeko iCarbon Smart yophuhliso lwezakhono ixhobisa amanina angaphangeliyo ngolwazi lwemigaqo yokwakha okukhusela okusingqongileyo nophuhliso lweeSMME, kwakunye nezakhono zokusebenzisana nabantu kwindawo yempangelo. Loo nto iwanika ilungelo elikhethekileyo lokungenela icandelo lokwakha, akwazi ukwakha ngendlela ekhusela okusingqongileyo, ubugcisa obufunyanwa ngabantu abambalwa.

Njengenxalenye yebhajethi ka2024/25, iSixeko siye salungiselela utyalomali olungaphezu kweR4 bhiliyoni ekuphuculweni kwegridi yamandla nokulungiswa kwayo kule minyaka mithathu izayo.

Participate in a PAAC

The City's protected-area advisory committees (PAACs) were last renewed in 2021. The committees serve for a period of three years, which means that prospective new members may now apply.

The PAACs are provided for in the Protected Areas Act. They offer communities a chance to get involved in the management of their local City nature reserves. Twelve reserves currently have PAACs. They are Blaauwberg, Bracken, Durbanville, False Bay, Helderberg, Steenbras, Table Bay, Tygerberg, Witzands aquifer, Wolfgat, Zandvlei, and Edith Stephens.

The PAACs facilitate engagement and partnerships with communities regarding the objectives in the various reserves' management plans. Formally constituted organisations and interest groups from the communities surrounding the reserves are welcome to apply. Delegated representatives do not serve in their personal capacity, but on behalf of their group or organisation. Where the City does make individual appointments, these would be specialists co-opted for their particular skills.

For more information, go to <http://bit.ly/CCT-PAAC2021>.



First you trap it, then you toss it: Determined to improve the quality and cleanliness of Cape Town's waterways, the City partnered with The Litterboom Project and the Rondebosch Golf Club to clean a section of the Black river in the run-up to Earth Day in April. Workers from the Water and Sanitation as well as Urban Waste Management directorates helped remove litter trapped by a strategically placed litterboom.

Working wise with waste money

To stay at the cutting edge of waste management, the City has a carefully drafted 2024/25 budget to expand its vehicle fleet and improve capacity.

The City's waste management budget for 2024/25 provides for the procurement of new plant and vehicles and improvements to our waste minimisation capacity.

Major capital works

One of the major capital projects will be the R15 million infrastructure that will eventually convert landfill gas to electricity at Vissershok. Other work at Vissershok includes the construction of a satellite workshop to improve vehicle availability for refuse collection, and the design and development of additional airspace. The Killarney drop-off will benefit from an upgrade worth R60,7 million over three financial years, while the revamp of the Maitland workshop will cost R2,5 million.

Minor upgrades

Moreover, R50 million has been earmarked for various minor upgrades at waste facilities, such as building work, civil



engineering, electrical installations and fencing. This is to ensure compliance with occupational health and safety laws and to reduce potential service disruptions.

A budget of R252 million has also been set aside to sustain and improve door-to-door waste collection and seven-day area cleaning.

Greywater makes going tough

The heavy rains towards the end of 2023 left many roads in Area North in need of repair, and the City has been working tirelessly to get to them all.

However, in many areas, the illegal disposal and pooling of greywater is undoing the City's hard work (see picture alongside). In Dunoon and Joe Slovo, for instance, recently completed road resurfacing and pothole repairs are already showing signs of deterioration or damage.

Carwash effluent, water leaks and soapy greywater can have a devastating effect on road surfaces and the underlying road layers:

- Soap and solvents break down the asphalt binder that holds the pavement particles together. This weakens the structure, making it more susceptible to cracking and pothole formation.
- Carwash oils and greases soften the asphalt, making it more prone to deformation under traffic loads.
- The formation of water pools, which are often also the result of the illegal dumping of waste, can infiltrate the



layers beneath the asphalt surface, causing the soils to lose their ability to support the weight of traffic. The City calls on residents to be wise with their greywater and not to dispose of it onto roads and pavements.

Roadworks rundown

In the Blaauwberg district, selected roads in Marconi Beam, Sunset Beach, Bloubergsands, Dunoon, Table View, Sunningdale, Parklands and Atlantis have been re-surfaced or rehabilitated, while pothole repairs have been done in parts of Joe Slovo and Dunoon. The gravel rehabilitation of Zonnekus Road in Atlantis is also complete. Further road resurfacing and rehabilitation in Brooklyn, Rugby, Century City and Atlantis should be done before the end of the financial year.

Maintenance work on sidewalks on Ixia Road in Milnerton, St Chads footpath in Table View and Reygersdal Avenue in Atlantis was completed in May to ensure their prolonged functionality. Ward allocation money has also seen the construction of new footways and traffic-calming measures in Brooklyn, Atlantis Industrial, Melkbosstrand, Mamre, Parklands, Rivergate, Bloubergstrand, West Beach and Tijgerhof.

In the Cape Farms district on the West Coast, roadworks included the rehabilitation of the Zonnekus gravel road, resurfacing of the intersections with Mamre Road, and construction of concrete and gravel stormwater side drains.

Cape Town governance 'gooder' than the rest

Cape Town has come out tops in the 2024 edition of Good Governance Africa's Governance Performance Index. The index ranks South Africa's metro, local and district municipalities across the five good governance indicators of administration and governance, economic development, leadership and management, planning, monitoring and evaluation, and service delivery.

The City is ranked first for service delivery and economic development.

Cape Town also maintains the lowest broad unemployment rate in the country.

KORTLIKS

Die Stad se advieskomitees vir beskermde gebiede (PAAC's) is laas in 2021 hernu. Die komitees dien vir drie jaar op 'n slag, wat beteken dat voornemende nuwe lede nou kan aansoek doen.

Die afvalbestuursbegroting vir 2024/25 maak voorsiening vir die verkryging van nuwe aanleg en voertuie, sowel as verbeteringe in die Stad se afvalbeperkingsvermoë.

In die Blaauwberg-distrik het die Stad sekere paaie in Marconi Beam, Sunset Beach, Bloubergsands, Dunoon, Table View, Sunningdale, Parklands en Atlantis 'n nuwe blad gegee of gerehabiliteer. In die distrik Kaapse Plase aan die Weskus is die Zonnekus-gruispad onder meer gerehabiliteer, die blad by die kruisings met Mamreweg vernuwe, en stormwaterdreins aan

die kant van die pad gebou.

Weens die swaar reën laat verlede jaar kort 'n klomp paaie in Area Noord herstelwerk, en die Stad werk onverpoosd om oral uit te kom. Nietemin maak die onwettige storting en opdamming van gryswater in baie gebiede die Stad se harde werk ongedaan.

Die Stad is vasberade om die gehalte en suiwerheid van Kaapstad se waterlope te verbeter. Daarom het die munisipaliteit kort voor Aardedag in April 'n gedeelte van die Swartrivier in vennootskap met die Litterboom Project en Rondebosch-gholfklub skoongemaak.

Kaapstad kraai koning in vanjaar se uitgawe van Good Governance Africa se indeks van plaaslikeregeringsprestasie.

KHAWUNDIBALISELE

Likomiti zeengcebiso kummandla okhuselweyo weSixeko (PAACs) zagqibela ukuhlaziywa ngo2021. Ezi komiti zisebenza kangangeminyaka emithathu, nto leyo ethetha ukuba izicelo zabo bafuna ukuba ngamalungu amatsha zivulekile ngoku.

Ibhajethi yeSixeko yokuthuthwa kwenkunkuma ka2024/25 ilungiselela ukufunyanwa kwendawo entsha nezithuthi kwakunye nokuphuculwa komthamo wokuphungulwa kwenkunkuma.

Kwisithili seBlaauwberg, izitrato ezithile eMarconi Beam, eSunset Beach, eBloubergsands, eDunoon, eTable View, eSunningdale, eParklands naseAtlantis ziye zenziwa ngokutsha okanye zalungiswa ngoxa kwisithili seCape Farms kuNxweme oluseNtshona, ukulungiswa kweendlela kuye kwaquka indlela yomhlaba yaseZonnekus, ukulungiswa kwendlela yaseMamre,

kunye nokwakhiwa kweedyini ezisecaleni zamanzi ezikhukula ngekonkrithi negrable.

Izikhukula ngasekupheleni kuka2023 zishiye iindlela ezininzi eArea North zifuna ukulungiswa, yaye iSixeko besisebenza ngamandla ukuze sizilungise zonke. Noko ke, kwiindawo ezininzi, ukulahlwa okungekho mthethweni nokufunjwa kwamanzi amdaka kubuyisela umva umsebenzi onzima weSixeko.

Njengoko sizimisele ukuphucula umgangatho nococo lweendawo ezihamba amanzi eKapa, iSixeko siye sabambisana neThe Litterboom Project kwakunye neRondebosch Golf Club ukuze kucocwe icandelo leBlack river njengoko bekusondela uSuku loMhlaba ngoEpreli.

IKapa iye yaba semanqwanqweni kuhlalo luka2024 loLawulo oLululo eAfrika kwi-Indeksi engeNdelela yoLawulo lokuSebenza.

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